

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims of the present application. The Examiner has grouped the claims accordingly to one of four inventions, with Group I, containing claims 1-3, 6, 24, 26, 29-33, 36, 37, 40, 41, 43-46, 49 and 54-57, drawn to an electrode for use in an electrochemical sensor, Group II, containing claims 8, 9 and 11-19, drawn to a pH sensor, Group III, containing claims 21, 22, 25, 39, and 50-53, drawn to a method of preparing an electrode, and Group IV, containing claims 62-65, 68 and 71-76, drawn to a method of modifying carbon, a composition resulting from modifying carbon, and an agglomerate of modified carbon.

The Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group II, containing claims 8, 9 and 11-19, drawn to a pH sensor. The Applicant traverses on the grounds that the Examiner has indicated that the restriction is proper because each of the alleged inventions lacks the same or corresponding special technical feature. For Group II, the Examiner asserts that the Group II claims include a counter electrode as its technical feature not claimed in any other group. However, if the Examiner reviews claim 36, a counter electrode is expressly claimed therein. Thus, the Applicants believe that at least Group II does not have any technical feature lacking from the claims associated with Group I. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement between at least Group I and Group II is believed appropriate.

In light of the foregoing response and election, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the restriction requirement with a view toward withdrawal of the same. A Notice of Allowance of all of the claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

No fees are believed due. However, if one is due and is insufficient or missing, the undersigned attorney hereby authorizes the payment of the fee or to credit any payment made to Deposit Account No. 18-0987.

Respectfully submitted,

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